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## MBA Evaluation

By Bryan Hassel

In an effort to receive input from all concerned on how MBA is run, the school has initiated a comprehensive program to evaluate MBA from all points of view. Over an extended period, teachers, parents, students, alumni, and others will be asked to state their ideas on the experience offered by MBA.

The most recent phase of the program involved an in-depth survey of the entire student body. Dr. Nick Sieveking, a psychologist and MBA father, helped the Administration design the questionnaire, which was given to all students during a special assembly on Thursday, May 17. The questions on the survey dealt with all aspects of MBA life.

The first part was a list of statements concerning MBA. Students were asked to indicate whether they strongly disagreed, disagreed, were neutral, agreed, or strongly agreed with each statement. A "don't know" choice was also provided in case the student was not sure of his answer.

A large section of this multiple-choice list dealt with the academic quality of MBA. Questions ranged from appraisals of curriculum to whether MBA instilled a love of learning into its students. Concrete questions dealing with teacher quality were mixed with more abstract/opinionated statements about free-thinking and creativity at the school.

Another area of school life covered by the survey was athletics. Students were asked to evaluate overall coaching, their own athletic ability, and the amount of emphasis placed on athletics.

Several questions also related to the social atmosphere at MBA. Social elitism and MBA's preparation for social life were chief topics here.

In all of the above areas, several common aims were evident. One was to determine which of the three areas was most important to students. Another was to find out which was most important to parents (in the opinion of the students). The survey also seemed to be geared towards evaluating the

relative amount of emphasis placed on each part of life at MBA. The overall goal seemed to be to make sure MBA was preparing each student as a "gentleman, scholar, and athlete."

After the multiple choice section, the students were asked to think what aspects of MBA made parents want to send their kids there. The students were asked to indicate which of a list of motivations they thought attracted most parents. After that, students had to check the items which attracted their

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## Cum Laude Honors New Members

By Walter Smithwick

For the fourth time, the Cum Laude Society honored its new members on Monday, April 24, 1984. Since 1981, this chapter at MBA has been honoring its students in order to promote learning and sound scholarship at MBA.

Deciding that there should be an organization which recognized outstanding scholarship in secondary schools, Dr. Abram Harris, Director at the Tome School in Port

### Excellence, Justice,

### Honor—

### Already A Part Of MBA

Deposit, Maryland, formed an organization modeled after the Phi Beta Kappa of universities in 1906. Dr. Harris' organization began with seven chapters in 1908 and gained numbers steadily.

In the early '20's, the Society began to grow and membership was extended to juniors and girls' schools. Now, in 1984, the number of chapters has reached over 300. The Cum Laude Society has replaced the National Honor Society as MBA's organization to recognize outstanding academic achievement.

By Chris E. Kelley  
and Bryan Hassel

"Whenever one is a member of a body of intelligent persons, finding something wrong with that body becomes very easy,"—a student.

Being a student at MBA one can often hear little pockets of discontent along the campus—testimonials from burnouts who eschew apathy as a way of life, revelations from cynics that foment further sarcasm, and admonishments from disciplinarians who wish to turn back the clock to better days. At first glance one could say that these problems are typical of this type of institution. But why do these problems exist, and how can they be solved? *The Bell Ringer* recently conducted an investigation about this issue, discussing several problems with members of the student body and the faculty. During these discussions several words constantly popped up and need to be defined clearly. *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines apathy as "lack of interest; listless condition; unconcern; indifference." Cynicism is both "the attitude or belief of a person who denies the sincerity of people's motives and actions" and a "sarcastic, sneering remark."

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Anyone who is to be inducted must meet a certain set of criteria. The faculty and honorary inductees can be anyone "who in the judgment of the voting members of the Chapter, has suitable qualifications." Only two honorary members can be inducted each year, but any amount of faculty members can be elected. A student with an average of 88 and the approval by three-fourths vote of the current members can be elected. Only 20 per cent of a single class can be elected and only 10 per cent of the class after the junior year.

This year's senior class members (inducted as juniors) include Sam Chang, John Edwards, Mark Finks, Bryan Hassel, Alan Jackson, and Ran Van Riper. Chosen this year from the senior class were Jeff Gaw, Brent Graham, John Harrison, Tony Rafalowski, Tommy Oliphant, and Griffin Vincent. The junior class inductees were John Bauman, David Chickey, Buzz Frahn, Scott Garfinkel, Pat Rau and Chris Zanone. An honorary member, Jack Massey, was also elected.

The program for the induction of new members began with a welcome by Mr. Bondurant followed by Scripture readings by John Edwards. Dr. Gaffney introduced the guest speaker, Nelson Andrews. Mr. Andrews inspired MBA campus with a creative and original speaking style and a speech about

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## The ABC's of Negativism

### Apathy, Burnout, and Cynicism

**Burn-out** is "a state of emotional exhaustion caused by the stresses of one's work or responsibilities."

#### THE PROBLEM

How do these terms relate to MBA? Basically, they define an attitude that is prevalent at MBA. The attitude does not belong to all, but it is more and more evident each day as a general trend among students. Many have pointed to this attitude as the root of many problems at MBA; thus, *The Bell Ringer* decided to investigate the issue.

The first consideration when dealing with such an issue is to define it specifically with reference to MBA or to high school in general. Three main aspects of the attitude provide a clear definition:

#### Student Burnout.

Especially as the year draws to a close, students feel more and more "fed up" with school. They grow tired of the pressures and the rigorous academic atmosphere.

On top of this students are bored with the repetition of a consistent schedule and a day-to-day set of experiences. The result is that boredom's growing into a sort of

**Excellence.** Mr. Drake followed with a brief history of Cum Laude and introduced the new members. The benediction closing the program was given by Sam Chang.

Now that the Cum Laude Society has been established at MBA, through its many members, many expect that it will stay a part of MBA. The Cum Laude motto, "Arete, Dike, Time," meaning "Excellence, Justice, and Honor," is truly already a part of the MBA tradition.

laziness or unwillingness to do the work assigned. Along with laziness, students become apathetic about school and school related activities.

#### Negative Attitude.

The problem is taken a step further in a negative attitude. An anti-MBA feeling arises among many students. They perceive teachers and administrators as insensitive to student needs and concerns. Furthermore, they feel trapped in an institution for which their enthusiasm is burned out.

The negative attitude is manifested most specifically in an anti-scholastic attitude. The true purpose of education—learning—is lost in the emphasis on grades. Academic subjects are viewed as irrelevant. Course work is seen as useless in day-to-day living.

#### Lack Of Involvement.

Tied in with both of these two aspects is a third facet of the problem: lack of student involvement. Students are unwilling to go out of their ways to accomplish goals. "Getting by" is the philosophy to live by. Up-to-minimum performance keeps the student afloat, and that is enough.

#### CAUSES

Of course, the best way to look for solutions to a prevalent problem is to examine the causes. Many exist at MBA:

#### The Role Of The Students.

One major explanation of the "bad" attitude among students at MBA is simply that it is a general teenage problem. Adolescents tend to resent authority and especially restrictive authority. They want independence from parents, from school, from all aspects of their lives which tie them down.

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## Totomoi Taps Trio

By Bryan Hassel

Three new members were inducted into MBA's honorary fraternity Totomoi this spring: a junior, a senior, and a faculty member. The new initiates joined a long line of MBA students, faculty, and friends who have been chosen for membership into the 30 year old organization. David Chickey is the junior, the first member by his class to join the society. The new senior member is Parish Lentz, the seventh senior to be inducted. Mrs. Hollins, the head of the MBA Language Department, is the faculty inductee.

Totomoi was founded in 1954 by Headmaster Sager to recognize outstanding student involvement at MBA. To be chosen as a member, a student must meet a complicated set of criteria for excellence in three of the following fields: (1) scholarship, (2) athletics, (3) student government, (4) organizations, forensics, and dramatics, and (5) publications and citizenship.

Students accumulate points over their career at MBA. When time comes for consideration, each student's score is figured. The faculty must then approve the student's induction.

Faculty, alumni, and other members are chosen for service to the school. This year's choice, Mrs.

Hollins, has taught French at MBA for more than twenty years. Besides preparing students for college French, Mrs. Hollins has also produced a number of state, regional, and national French Contest champions. She joins several other faculty/honorary members: Mr. Drake, Mr. Carter, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Garriott, Mrs. Liles, Mr. Novak, and Mr. Regen.

This tapping marks the final induction of the year. Two more will be held next year to induct more members of the rising senior class, new rising sophomores, and possibly more honorary members.

## New Commencement Award Added

By Scott Thompson

This year the Russell Carpenter Community Service Award, a new award at MBA, was given to a member of the 1984 graduating class. This award will never be referred to as "just another medal" because it contains several unique and distinguishing characteristics.

The introduction of the award was sparked by a very tragic event. Russell Carpenter was killed

## 84-5 Student Council President Interviewed

By Harry Payne

Mac Hardcastle, student council President, has many goals for the upcoming year. He would first like to see more student involvement and input into school functions and administrative decisions. One possible means of achieving this is through class meetings which Hardcastle feels are in need of improvement.

"I would like to see a decision made by the student council, before the fall semester, on the improvement of class meetings. By improvement, I mean whether the class meetings should be held together as

one group, divided, neither, or both. Hopefully by doing this, our meetings will be more productive."

Secondly, Mac would like to see faculty and administration decisions discussed among the student council before they are voted on. By discussing the decisions with the student council, the student body will in turn have more input into major administrative decisions. Hardcastle believes that the administration and Mr. Bondurant always have the best interest of the student in mind; therefore, by working more closely with the administration, he believes that they

will be more aware of the student body needs.

Mac hopes to develop more fully the outreach programs because they help to enhance MBA's name, and the student body has shown a great interest in the programs. He feels that these programs help the student to encounter people from all walks of life; thereby, helping the student to appreciate what he has here at MBA.

Lastly, Hardcastle, along with the new creative student council, plans to relieve the day to day pressures that are present on "The Hill" with more unique dances and parties. By having more dances and parties; he feels there will be more student involvement and interest in the school; thus, a greater spirit and unification would be created.

Mac hopes to achieve all of the fore-mentioned goals and ideas next year. One way that he is going to try to make all of these ideas reality, is through summer pre-organization meetings with Mr. Bondurant and other members of the student council. By meeting and organizing during the summer with the student council, Hardcastle hopes to achieve much during the upcoming school year.

"It will be a very good year, no doubt about it. I have seen the people in the council work and I am confident that they will do a great job."

President: Mac Hardcastle  
Vice President: Buzz Frahm  
Secretary: Walter Smithwick  
Treasurer: Robert Black

## MBA Excels In Language Competition

By John Bauman

MBA performed exceptionally well again this year in both the National French Contest and the Spanish Contest.

In the French Contest held March 5, Travis Jackson took second place while Kenji Kono took third in the state in level OIA. In level IA, Don Fish placed fifth. MBA did outstandingly in Level 1-B: Clark Geddie placed first, Beau Wilson second, Tommy Frist third, and Bryan Donnell fourth. In French II, Level A, Michael Starr placed fourth in the state and John Henderson fifth. In Level B, Bobby Crants placed second in the state, as John Bauman did in French III.

In the region, composed of eight states, Travis Jackson placed second, Kenji Kono third, Clark Geddie fifth, Michael Starr seventh, and John Bauman third.

Finally in the National Level, five students made high enough scores to place: Travis Jackson fourth, Kenji Kono sixth, Clark Geddie seventh, Michael Starr seventh, and John Bauman third.

MBA also did well in the Spanish Contest held April 7. In Spanish I, Steve Parker and John Mahoney placed for second in the Nashville area; while in Spanish II, Ronnie Po placed first, Sean Curry second, and Pat Bowers third. In the state of Tennessee, Steve Parker and

John Mahoney tied for tenth, while Ronnie Po placed first in the state, Sean Curry third, and Pat Bowers fourth. Bernie Pinto in Spanish II B placed first in both the Nashville area and in the state.

In Latin each year, a translation contest is held by the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Tony Rafalowski and Ron Van Riper both won \$500 scholarship prizes offered to those who make the best translations.

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parents. Space was also left to print out any aspects of the school not included in the lists.

The final section of the survey was a free-response section to several questions. Students had a chance to comment on any teachers, coaches, or departments which were especially good or bad. They also were asked to indicate the most satisfying and dissatisfaction parts of MBA.

The student reaction to the survey was mixed. Many felt that lots of the questions were unanswerable or irrelevant, finding that they answered "neutral" for many of the multiple choice questions. Another complaint was that the free-response questions were too general and did not allow specific criticisms/praises of the school.

Other students, however, believed that the survey touched on a lot of important topics. A general feeling among these students was that if the surveys were actually used by the Administration, the result would be an improved school.

The answers will be compiled by Dr. Sieveking. Confidentiality is assured by not including any names on the survey booklets.

## Letter To The Editor:

Much has been made of the issue of "cynicism" at MBA. Cynicism has been seen as a bad characteristic. It isn't. According to Webster's Dictionary, cynicism is doubting the motives, to put it simply. Montgomery Bell Academy supposedly is an institute providing academic and intellectual excellence. If this is the case, and I believe it is so, then one of the goals of MBA should be to get the students to be able to think on their own. To not accept everything unquestionably but to reason things out on their own. The mark of a true intellectual is a cynical attitude—never accepting anything at

face value, always searching out for himself what is true, and therefore destined to find it. Anyone who tries to deny someone else the right to doubt is taking from him the right to know the truth, not to mention his freedom of thought. It is true that cynicism can lead to bitterness and apathy, but it does not have to. As long as MBA is producing intellectual students, those students will be cynical, and we should be proud of the part that "the future leaders of Nashville and Tennessee" will know how to think for themselves, one of the highest goals of the liberal arts education.

—Rob Alley

Congratulations And Continued Success To Ron and Class of '84

Congratulations To Griffin Vincent For A Great Year

Congratulations To Bill, Class of '84 Good Luck

Congratulations And Best Wishes To Greg Mr. and Mrs. Turner

Congratulations To Stephen Westermann For A Great Year

Congratulations To Kevin and Class of '84 Good Luck!

Congratulations To David Wood From The Woods

Congratulations And Future Success To M. Steck, Class of '84

Congratulations To Shane, Class of '84 Mr. and Mrs. Stokes

Congratulations To French, Class of '84 And The '84 Seniors

Congratulations To Drew and '84 Seniors Good Luck!

Congratulations To Greg, Class of '84 Mr. and Mrs. Moore

Congratulations To John, Class of '84 Mr. and Mrs. Moore

Congratulations To Marvin & '84 Seniors Mr. and Mrs. Morris

Congratulations To John, Class of '84 Mr. & Mrs. Morrissey

Congratulations To Will, Class of '84 You Made It!

## Debate Team Qualifies For National Debate Tournament

By Sam Chang

The MBA debate team continued its domination of the two qualifying tournaments for NFL Nationals begun in the Sullivan era. Although the winning team was a surprise, the final outcome of another MBA State Champion team was not a surprise at all to those present at the State Tournament held at Hillsboro in April 13-14. MBA's team of Niku Wasudev and Paul Kahlon, both sophomores, triumphed over two seniors from Overton on a 3-2 decision. These two students now join seniors Sam Chang and Griffin Vincent, winners of the NFL District Tourney, as qualifiers for the NFL Nationals in San Antonio, Texas.

The winning ways of the team,

### College Acceptances Exceed

By Jeff Dukes  
and Tommy Outlaw

Montgomery Bell's Class of '84 established new horizons for the school in the area of college acceptance. The college choices for this year's class were marked not only by the unusually high number of distinguished college, to which the seniors were accepted but also by the variety of schools to which the seniors applied. MBA applicants fared well in the South with a high percentage of acceptance to the University of North Carolina, the University of Virginia, Vanderbilt, and Sewanee. The Class of '84 also

however, did not stop with debate alone. Consistent Scott Carey placed first in original oratory while senior Tony "Yee" Rafalowski also placed first in extemp. These two I.E. winners were the first for MBA in over a decade, and this honor was deserved after their hard work.

Unfortunately, MBA could not qualify all of its members, and the biggest disappointment had to come from the quarterfinal loss of 1983 State Champions Tommy Outlaw and Robert Harris. Tommy and Robert lost a questionable round to debate powerhouse Knoxville Bearden. Others performing well despite the pressure of the State Tourney were Dury Tolisen, Rob Page, Kyle Hardin, Jonathan Springer, and Scott Bennett.

After winning the state tournament, the debate team took a well-deserved rest, but then within two weeks the members began to

showed an increase in interest toward schools in the North, thus establishing a beginning for an increased awareness of MBA's program among the Northern schools. Among the Northern schools applied to by MBA students were Middlebury, Carlton, and Connecticut College. The prospects for MBA seniors in the Ivy League also improved this year with seniors accepted to Princeton, Brown, Dartmouth, and Harvard.

Mr. Drake credited the excellent placement record of this year's class to a combination of excellent S.A.T. and Achievement scores along with good grades in school. Without the ideal combination of

prepare for the Tournament of Champions, by far the most competitive best judged tournament in the country.

Griffin, Tommy, Robert, Niku, and Madison Laird worked extremely hard the week before this tournament, and the work was worth the effort. Niku and Robert completed the tournament at a respectable 3-3 record in this senior-laden affair. The top 2 teams, however, exceeded many people's expectations by both reaching the octafinals round. Griffin and Sam

went 7-1, breaking such teams as lake Braddock (winner of GBN Round Robin and winner of the Howard Tournament) and College Prep (winner of the Howard Round Robin), while Madison and Tommy went 4-2, also beating College Prep. Unfortunately, the octafinals were as far as both teams got as Laird/Outlaw lost on a 3-0 and Vincent/Chang lost on a close 2-1 to Sullivan's GBN team.

The team is now preparing for two more tournaments, Catholic Nationals and NFL Nationals,

Those who have not qualified for these tournaments are already preparing for next year. Those attending the tournaments are now getting ready to continue MBA's tradition of excellence at these tournaments, including on the far fourth place in 1982 (with the team of Wells & Franklin) and a tie for eighth in 1983 (with the team of Robbins & Chang).

With only the two seniors graduating this year, the young debate team looks promising for next year and years to come.

### The Bell Ringer Reviews You Can't Take It With You

By Don Fish

On the weekend of April 13-15, the Harpeth Hall Players presented Hart & Kaufman's comedy *You Can't Take It With You* to small,

### Expectations

both grades and scores such an impressive admissions record could not be attained. MBA's new class profile, which was sent to colleges throughout the country, served to familiarize schools outside of the South with MBA. The MBA program, according to Mr. Drake, was received enthusiastically by admissions officers. In the area of future improvement, Mr. White is working to broaden the base of MBA's college counselling program and spread the reputation of MBA through the North as well as the South. On a final note, the Class of '84 distinguished itself by receiving more scholarships than any class in recent MBA history.

but lively crowds. The difficult plot is full of unexpected turns and a few predictable ones, but overall the show turned out quite funny. Harpeth Hall sophomore Dillie Sloan had an appealing stage presence as Alice Sycamore, who is reluctant to introduce her rich boyfriend, played by MBA senior Scott O'Neal, to her estranged family. O'Neal's theatrical experience was demonstrated in this role and the part was played convincingly. Senior David Wood portrayed the agreeable grandfather who is the main hold on the family. All of his acting efforts culminated in a believable character.

Other members of the family included Lexy Wilks as Essie, freshman Tim Wallace as Ed, freshman Claiborne Gayden as Donald, Elliot Sloan as Paul Sycamore, and Jimmy Moore as Mr. DePinna. The seniors, doing their last high school production, added much to the production. Rob Sommer as Mr. Kirby, Julie Hayes as the attractive Penelope, and Risa Klein as Reba all played their roles outstandingly. Dara Russell, probably Harpeth Hall's most promising

actress for next year, played a convincing alcoholic actress. Lynn Newcomb as the Russian Olga, and Mandy Haynes, Billy Carothers, and Hamilton Gayden were all hilarious throughout the show.

Two MBA sophomores, however, stole the show. Rob Ikard, portraying the prissy tax collector, captured the audience with his short scene. Todd Bottorff also stole the show in the larger role of Kolenkov, the Russian ballet teacher.

Harpeth Hall's sets this year continued the tradition of being the most elaborate in Nashville due to Sandra Davis' admirable job as director. Unfortunately, however, the acting seemed insincere and unmotivated in a few isolated moments, also, the characters, although appealing, were not believably real or interesting. This problem is a common characteristic of most high school productions, yet Harpeth Hall handles it in the best manner possible. The Harpeth Hall players should be proud of their efforts which ended in a successful, impressive final production.

## College Acceptances

Compiled by Hal Andrews  
and Jeff Dukes

### Vanderbilt

Steve Altemeier  
Andy Brown  
Bruce Burgess  
Russell Coleman  
Robert Enkema  
Davidson French  
Larry Hayes  
Alan Jackson  
Chris Kelley  
Arshad Khan  
Brian Lewis  
Scott O'Neal  
Elliot Sloan  
Buddy Knight

### Tennessee

Gary Asher  
Richard Brown  
Scott Haley  
Michael Parker  
Kip Smith

### Millsaps

Ross Ballenger  
Greg Turner

### S.M.U.

Brad Blevins

### Texas

John Carter  
G. Moore

### Pennsylvania

Matt Dolloff  
Georgetown

### Tim Don

### Dartmouth

Matt Drury

### Southwestern

Brent Graham

### North Carolina

John Edwards  
Arthur Jones  
Bryan Hassel  
David Wood

### Alabama

Brian Goldman  
Mark Pollack

### Boston College

Chris Guzikowski

### Baylor

John Harrison

Bill Lamb

Tommy Oiphant

Phil Robinson

Griffin Vincent

### Middlebury

Kyle Knight

### Washington and Lee

Gil Lackey

### Virginia

Hamilton Gayden

Marvin Morris

Jimmy O'Neal

### Samford

Tim Gallimore

### Harding

Jeff Gaw

### Wake Forest

Mark Finks

### Kenyon

Parish Lentz

### Richmond

Cooper Lilly

### Georgia

French McKnight

### Birmingham Southern

Brian Menke

### Northwestern

Drew Moore

### Sewanee

Jim Moore

John Morrissey

### Centre

John Moore

Bill Tirrell

Ernest Tacogne

### Memphis State

Will Nowell

### Mississippi

Bernie Pinto

### Auburn

Garth Fails

Scott Portis

Shane Stokes

Mike Fabian

### Duke

Tony Rafalowski

Steven Westermann

### Eckerd

John Roth

### Brown

Rob Sommer

Ransom Van Riper

### Tennessee Tech

Mike Steck

Bill Treanor

### Gulfport

Andrew Stuart

### Connecticut

Kevin Wolfe



In continuation of furthering the chances of the MBA student in his college choice, the administration has employed Mr. Edmunds White as a college counselor. The administration has also offered in years past trips to surrounding area colleges in order for the MBA junior to prepare in his college decision. During this past spring vacation in March, MBA juniors visited colleges in North Carolina and Virginia such as Washington and Lee, as pictured above.

Congratulations To

Kip Smith

You Made It

Congratulations To

Elliot Sloan

For A Great Year

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## Senior Last Wills and Testaments

I, **Steve Altemeier**, being of musical mind and body, do hereby bequeath, bequest, and dump the following items: to all Michael Jackson fans, my utmost contempt and a death threat; to Mr. Womak and all Future Outing Club cavers, my tape of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Concerto in F"; to Dr. Fairbairn, my plaid corduroys and my "Troglodyte" belt buckle; to Sam Graber; a carefully compiled list of all liberals and communist sympathizers along with massive quantities of Concentrated America to keep him strong as he purges the city; to Richard Brown, large quantities of British money (pounds, shillings, pence); to Mr. Bostick; a new textbook called *Pavlovian Pascal* and a gift certificate to the Electrical Supply House along with detailed instructions on how to modify a keyboard.

I, **John Gray Harrison**, being of honorable mind and short body, do hereby bequeath the following: to Mr. Drake my copy of *The Legends and Traditions of Buck-Buck: the game of champions*; to Robin Henderson side burns; to David Chickney-an archaic Honor Council Constitution; to Totomoian I.O.U for twenty dollars; to Roger Boyers-the farthest commuter to MBA award; to Mrs. Hollins-my love and respect; to the Junior Class-a multitude of frustrations and the eventual joy of graduation; and to MBA-many fond memories.

I, **Chris E. Kelley**, being of "punk" hairdo and restrained mind, do hereby bequeath the following: to next year's editors of the *Bell Ringer*, an awesome budget (thanks Tommy) and the dream to make the *Bell Ringer* available on every newsstand; to Rob Briley, Travis Jackson, and anyone else willing to take a stand on something, good luck and my respect; to Mrs. Bowers and Mr. Womack, the duty of teaching a required course on Dadaism, in French; to Miss Tilley, keys to my office, the archives; to the administration, my respect; to Dr. Crowell, "peace, love, and understanding.

I, **John Stanley Edwards**, being of whomperish mind and nos body, do hereby leave the following: to Frank "Midtown, Belushi" Downey, I leave my ability to get asked to dances; also to Frank and his bosom buddy, Steven "Leo" Hooper, I leave piggy sausage cheese which if not eaten must be disposed of in an "aqua dump"; to Steve Superstein and Jeff McLaren, I leave a bottle of laughs, some orange juice, and a portable "spot" picker-upper; to Tray "Panama Black Jack, party monger" Owen, I leave a sun lamp and some baby oil so he will never lose that tan; to David Chickney, I give my track name of "the phantom"; to Mr. Pruitt, I leave a new stopwatch complete with a stopwatch operator so that he can get all of the splits and times during next year's track season; to Mr. Compton, I leave a new bull-horn so that he can be heard more clearly on the track; to Rob Alley, David Chickney, David Muddiman, Paul Bond, and Steve Rollins, I leave several unclaimed bids to the state meet; to Gavin Moon, Steve Gilleland, Pat Bowers, Andy Davis, Jonathan Cole, and Travis Jackson, I leave the unabridged version of "The Pruitt-Drake Track Lingo Handbook" so that by the time they are seniors,

they too can talk like "Ace" 's; to Nick Sieveking, I leave Frank Downey as his new female relations advisor so that he can turn over a new page in his life and save his car some wear and tear; finally, I leave MBA with a lot of memories and good experiences. I really appreciate everything my teachers, my coaches, my advisor for three years Dr. Ward, Mr. Drake, and Mr. Bondurant have done for me. Thanks for four years that I shall never forget.

I, **Marvelous Marvin Morris**, being of cynical mind and well-tanned golfer's body, do bequeath the following to anyone who wants my uncanny ability to tread amidst the shallowest of pale green Scottish waters and still fall in over my head; to any brave junior I leave a spring break course in ancient Indian cultures and A.P. Computer Science (with my pirate's hat and peg leg) to all J.V. basketball players, I leave my intense dedication, spring time "break problems," and John Edward's ability to call "time-out"; to Mike Shears and John Teas I leave the true definition of MBA (Bowling Green); to Pat Parker I leave a real golf swing and the ability to break 90 with my clubs; to Harris Gilbert I leave someone other than Hal to room with on golf trips; to Mr. Caldwell thanks and hope that someday I shall be as organized as you are; to Dr. Fairbairn, pity for what he must put up with on future golf trips, the ability to become a "geek" at nightfall, a set of socks in assorted colors for your elbow, and I almost forgot, a compass; to Mr. White, I leave another golf speech and the fact that I am going to the University of Virginia; to Mr. Drake I leave the moral courage of Sam Davis and my admiration and thanks for everything he's done for me; finally, I leave MBA, with all my past sarcasm and apathy, reminiscingly proud and grateful that I came but increasingly ecstatic that I'm leaving.

I, **Gary Asher**, being of sound mind and stumpy body, do hereby leave: to Chris Sanders, a wrestling career like my own; to Currey Hall, a mud puddle; to Mrs. Hollins, a "big THANK YOU"; to George Mabry, a strong bear hug; to Mr. Herring, another Asher; to Mac Hardcastle, the fun of being Captain of the Cheerleaders; to everyone at MBA thanks for making these last four years of my life incredible and to future MBA seniors, cherish it while you can. This is a great place.

I, **Mike Steck**, being of sound mind and body do hereby bequeath the following to the following: to Steve Saperstein I bequeath chess lessons and one penny; to Fred Flintstone I leave I.C. Touch Football lessons; to Tim Brothers I leave food; to anyone in 7th period Study Hall I leave a pillow.

I, **Cooper Lilly**, being of almost sound mind and body do leave the following: to Scott Sprague, I leave best wishes to become something I never can become, a great soccer player; to Baughman I leave the desire; to Steven Jones and David Swartz I leave speed; to Dawson Thombs I leave the will; to Parker, I leave books, teachers, buildings (etc.), the world's fastest brown, diesel "Rabbit," the best years of your life," a great school, a great education, the ability to strive to be a great football player, and the best of luck.

I, **Christopher Paul Guzikowski**, being of vacant mind and short body, do hereby bequeath the following: to Scott Sprague, a sandbox so that he can keep amused during practice and a copy of "Dr. Seuss Meets Pek"; to John Enkema, my computer prowess; to Steven Young, a can of spray paint for his cleats and cottonmouth for before consolation games; to Stephen Jones, a headband and some speed; to Mr. Williams, a box of No-Doz for those late nights when you grade tests; to Mr. Caldwell, Chebyshev T-Shirt; to Dawson Thombs, my haircut and the nickname "Spaz"; to Billy Crook, a thigh pad and sincere thanks for his knee; to Rob Icard, a \$50 gift certificate at Majik Market; to Mr. Lanier, seemingly meaningless drills, lots of aches, five shootouts, six years of memories, and sincere appreciation; to Mr. Drake, a thought "Don't look a gift horse (college) in the mouth; to any Junior, my model dedication; to MBA, I leave these walls to discover (to my amazement) that there's a world out there, and it begins in Boston.

I, **Philip A. Robinson**, being of sound mind and semi-sound judgment do hereby leave: to Jim Hunt one year of sorrow and frustration with next year's annual (and a bottle of Naval Jelly for the darkroom floor); to Dr. Crowell, a song DDS 380 100 watt Dolby Programmable Sync-Sound Ghetto Blaster with mounting brackets so he can rivit it to the wall in his office; to Merritt Seshul two more years of toil and trauma of trying to keep off the "Due in Study Hall" list; to Keith Paisley one stack of pre-signed Study Hall Excuse Notes; to Arthur Bond the book "How to Plot Pyrotechnic Missions and Other Devious, Destructive Operations" (remember you still owe me a flight); to Mr. Gaither all my old Latin homework so he can add a touch of humor to next year's classes; (Oh, by the way Dad, I CLASSE IT!)

I, **Larry Hayes**, being of partly warped mind and ambiguous nature do hereby bequeath the following: to Coach Morel I replace the boot which he inadvertently stuck somewhere and forgot about; to Coach Regen I leave the book, *Ten Great Ways to Torture Football Players*; to Takis Patikas and Robin Henderson I leave the book, *How to Get Rid of Women*; to Jay Schmidt I leave a gift certificate to Nashville Tent and Awning so he can get some new clothes; and to the entire student body I leave airplane tickets to Columbia so they can visit me and Brian Lewis on

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Congratulations To  
**Michael Fabian**  
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weekends.

I, **Mark Flunks**, being of sound mind and sound body, do hereby bequeath the following to the following: to Bud Henderson, I leave a computer for all his A.S. programs, season tickets to world championship wrestling matches, the poker in the library, and another two years of having to put up with Randy; to Randy Pelsley, I give my Fixx tapes and a mirror so that he can see that he's NOT David Lee Roth; to Major (are all the bets down yet?) Schenner, I leave an eye chart and 20/20 vision; to Merritt Seshul, I give my quick reflexes, a full tank of gas, and a small car to prehensile aces; to Dr. Fairbairn, I leave Steve Saperstein; to sophomore John "boy scout" Thompson, I leave a supply of already prepared grade sheets for Mrs. Hollins. And finally for Coach Elliott, Scott Thompson, David Smith, Bill Cochran, and Steve Stroman, I leave the privilege of leading an unusual and unique but great group of people in F.C.A. .

I, **Alan Jackson**, being sound in all areas of human existence do hereby leave the following to the following: to Jay "Oof" Owen, I leave all my speed and quickness of which I no longer have and a new batting stance; to Mrs. "Mama" Hollins, I leave all the salads I never ate; to Todd Pardue, I leave my incredibly awesome vertical leap and what few pounds I have to spare to save his body from demolition next September; to Randy Pelaez, I leave a new everything; since he is desperately in need of it; to Dr. Niemeyer, I leave a new suit and some more Hush-Puppies; to Coach Elliott, I leave all my humility because he said he needed some a while back; to Mr. Caldwell, I leave my love of baseball and all the credit for recognizing my awesome and untrapped (still untrapped) potential for the game; to Mr. Bennett, I leave my "Most Improved Coach" award; to all 7th graders, the realization that there are five more year of this yet to come; and finally to my long-time friend and nemesis Doc "Elbow Sock" Fairbairn, I done left. . .

I, **Bill Tirrell**, being of sound mind and a tan body, do hereby leave my intelligence, sportsmanship, athletic ability, and great personality to MBA; to Harry Peffen, I leave my after lunch wrestling abilities; to Chip Fridrich, I leave

my social philosophy: "Go out with your girlfriend every night"; to Jack Brown, I leave season tickets for America's team, the Dallas Cowboys; to David Chickney, I leave a spare key for his car; to Tim Brothers, I leave my ability to get hurt in football; to Robin Henderson, I leave my perfectly-combed hair; to David Muddiman, I leave a book called *How To Be The Most Intimidating Driver*; to Frank Wilk, I leave my quickness in sidewalk football; to Steve Stroman, I leave my basketball ability and to Steven Young, I leave my attitude on dedication to basketball; to Dawson Thombs, I leave a great pair of hands for football; to John Griffith, I leave my defensive end techniques in football; to Rob Chilton, I leave a bowl of "squid rings" straight from Florida; to Mr. Tate, I leave an Alabama shaker and a "Reagan in '84" button; to Mrs. O'Connell, I leave a box of paper clips; to Jim Gardner, I leave my 3200 meter relay membership; to Mr. Compton, I leave an amplifier for his bullhorn so all tracksters might listen to him!

I, **Gil Lackey**, being of sound mind and somewhat crippled body, do hereby leave the following: to Bill Bainbridge, permission to stay out late the night before a church basketball game no matter what Haworth says; to Rob Harwell, a new pair of straight tube socks with "apathy on the court" embroidered on them; to Bill Bainbridge, Rob Harwell, Bobby Frist, and Andy Wattlesworth, one final year to "get in some jocks" with Coach of the Year Haworth "God" Parks; to Chris Sanders, 50 rolls of toilet paper and my motto, "Love, not war"; to Stephen Young, hope in finding a lasting and worthwhile relationship; to Steve Mason, the anniversary present I forgot to send; to Harry Peffen, Edie, and please take care of her; to Mrs. Hollins, the knowledge that I left this place in one piece—thank you Hamilton; to Mr. Drake, my two Constitution tests due back in March; to the rising senior class, all books and notes in which I have in-

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Congratulations and  
Continued Success To  
**Parish and Class of '84**

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis  
Congratulate Bryan  
For A Great Year

# “Senior Last Wills and Testaments”

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 scribed my most incoherent yet meaningful thoughts, those artifacts revealing the key to conquering “the hill”; “One must savor the taste of the sweat from one’s brow while crawling up the awesome hill in order to feel the ecstasy of triumph when evaporating the same sweat while indolently sledging down”; to MBA and my parents thanks for the best high school years possible.

I, **Bruce Burgess**, being of questionable mind and weary body, do hereby bequeath the following: to Arthur Bond, I leave a stick pole, a marble, and razor blade and also a pot of “time” and a piece of fur; to Tommy Scales and John-Lindell Pfeffer, I leave a pair of skis; to Kori Classen, I leave 10 driving lessons at K-Mart and title of king of “concentration”; to Brad Mangrum, I leave the control of the other O.A. and a dead smurf; to Scott Bennett, I leave a feather; to Ben Vance, I leave my “Snake Byte” disk; to Allen Lindsey, Rob Hendrick, and Henrik Meng, I leave control of the 1984 football team; to Rob I leave the awesome title of J-Master; to Mr. Lanier, I leave a lined soccer field “Lovely”; to Doc Fairbairn and Mr. Pruitt, I leave George Carpenter’s car in the Percy Warner Park parking lot; to Doctor Ward, I leave a step backwards for all those “One Step Father’s”; to Sac, I leave a toast and a “MBA Ski Team” jersey; to Doctor Crowell, I leave my Merit Badge Handbook for reference purposes; to the junior class, I leave the joy of using critiques (it’s time for a real theme.); to MBA, I leave with my greatest respect and thanks for helping me on my way to success.

I, **Anthony Edward Thomas Rafalowski**, being of brilliant mind and somewhat wimpy body, do hereby bequeath the following: to Rob Alley and Ben Vance, the literary magazine and Mrs. Hightower; to Mrs. Hightower, Rob Alley, Ben Vance, and my sincere respect; to Travis Jackson, a Totomo key (you’ve earned it, my friend); to Scott Bennett, a new tradition of excellence in student

congress, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and a trip to nationals; to Jim Gardner and Charlie Reasor, some more flaming, commie-pinko, bleeding-heart liberals to abuse mercilessly; to my son John-Lindell Pfeffer, the respect you deserve; to Madison Laird, six weeks in a Trapist monastery; to Jonathon Springer, a copy of my bestselling book, *Albrecht Durer is not a Yew-Haw*; to Clark Geddie, the hope that you have as great a time here as I had to Mrs. Lowry, Jay Gatsby, Frederick Henry, J. Alfred Prufrock, and one more thank you for everything you’ve meant to me and all the rest of us; to Mr. Womack, modern art (I’ve had enough of it for a while); to Dr. Gaffney and Mrs. Palmore, my dreams, my respect, and my loyalty; and finally, to MBA herself, another Polish Roman Catholic who loves bow ties, sweaters, snow, walking in the rain, English teachers, themes, Cadbury Easter Eggs, root beer, pretzels, and Barry Manilow songs, if you want another one. “I made it through the rain, I kept my world protected, I made it through the rain, I kept my point of view.”

I, **Arshad Khan**, being of sound mind and body do hereby bequeath the following: to Mr. Herring, I leave a French dictionary to pronounce words he has never heard of, a membership in the P.H. Club, and an “initial blast of hot air”; to Mr. Drake, I leave 100 “no’s”; to Sap, I leave a penny; to Mrs. Lowry, I leave my undying thanks for being the greatest teacher on the Hill; to Scanner, I leave a new radar system; to Mrs. Hardin and McLaren (and others of you) a final “get this before you go”; to Dr. Fairbairn, I leave my gratitude for having the strongest, yet the most refreshing good nature; to Brad Mangrum, I leave a bicycle and a trip to Venezuela; to Frank Wilk, I leave my great eyes; to Dr. Niemeyer, I leave Carl Perkins’ “Blue Suede Shoes”; passion, and a new Vista Cruiser; to Don Ho and the gook connection, I leave normal visages; to Mr. Poston, I leave Rich, Johnny, ‘o Fred, and Claunch so that he can have another “interesting” third period speech class; to Bud, I leave Barrie; to Dr. Thomas, I give thanks for being a good friend; to Rashed Fehruddy, I leave my incredible

basketball skills. It’s been fun. Later.

I, **Brent Graham**, being of sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath the following: to Bud Henderson, I leave driving ability and the memory of my dropout, as well as reconstructive cheek surgery by Dr. Patikas; to Jay Owen, I leave a year’s pass to Mr. Gatti’s buffet and a fruitful football career for the Black and Gold; to Trey Kelley, I leave the thrills of scouting team safety; to Thomas Williams, I leave the enjoyment of five more years on the Hill; to Todd Pardue, I leave a lineman’s body; to Bill Cochran, I leave two years of Green Hornet domination; to Mr. Poston, I leave more Vandy season tickets so his friends can enjoy watching the Big Orange show; to Doc Fairbairn, I leave a book of math problems and the hope that he will never lose his good nature; to Mrs. Tilley, I leave my sympathy; to Mr. Tate, Mr. Bostick, Mr. Novak, and Mrs. Palmore, I leave my respect; to Coach Elliott, I leave my deepest admiration and thanks; to Allen Lindsey, I leave a large ball of ice; to Randy Peleaz, I leave a new life; to Paul Richards, I leave an assist; to Jay Schmitz, I leave Charles Brooks’ dunk record to strive for; and most importantly, to Bill Bainbridge, Andy Watteworth, Bobby Frist, and Rob Harwell, I leave the Green Hornet legend to carry on to the Final Four, and beyond. . .

I, **David Wood (The Senior)**, being of sober mind and body do hereby bequeath the following items: to Rob Alley, I leave my Puma Tornado Running Spikes officially equipped with yellow shoestrings, arch supports, and beer can crushing spikes for the Steeplechase Course; to Rob and Walter Smithwick, I leave another 11-0 NIL Championship season in Cross Country; to Coach Pruitt, I leave a copy of *The Essence of Meter in Speech*; to Mr. Poston, I leave (as Ed Brown) a match to burn the MBA Drama Coupling to the ground in hopes insurance benefits will fund a new one; to Mike Wood, I leave a copy of K-tel’s “Metal Mania” (Ozzy, Billy Idol, etc.); to Henry Trost, I leave a spot in Honors Physics for next year; to Brad Mangrum, I leave a set of better mitts; to Mac Hardcastle, I leave speed and grace; to Mrs. Lowry, I leave my *Scarlet Letter* poster and many thanks for a thrilling year in English; to Bill Bainbridge, I leave my three year old science fair project and defeat at the hands of West End next Church-Ball season. . . Die Hornets! to David F. Wood, I leave a name; to Rob Ikard, I leave a 14 year income

tax note; to Brad Fuson, I leave an acceptance letter to UNC and an interview with Dean Smith; to John Robbins, Tim Wallace, and Kenny Russell, I leave a 22-0 Church-Ball record for next year. To Louis Gruber, I leave a refund for his haircut; to Andy Davis and Jonathon Cole, I leave my two mile track record and a bad case of strep throat; to Chip Perry, I leave 5 years of sweat, work, and turmoil; to Dr. Crowell, I leave a McDonald’s 10 gallon cooler and a hard bound record book; to Mr. Drake, I leave a new lecture stand; and finally . . . David Ernest Wood, Jr. . . . DO LEAVE!

I, **Mark “Coos” Pollack**, being of perverted mind and saturated body, do hereby bequeath the following: to my primo bud Mr. Billy “They Call Him Tiny” Tate, I leave our free all expense paid trip to Tuscaloosa on any given weekend with the stipulation he does not bring the debate team; to Dave “The Mudge” Muddiman, I leave one authentic Mr. Herring “obelisk” and a membership to Green Hills’ Video Station; to Mr. Lanier and the 1985 soccer team, I leave a Panzer Tank for next year Tampa Trip; to Mr. Gaither, I leave a sincere compliment for being the best teacher MBA has to offer; to Henry Trost, I leave one free membership to the Pink Floyd Fan Club; to the 1985 Cheerleading Squad, I leave a coupon for drinks of any flavor; to Mr. Robert H. Pruitt, I leave my supreme selling prowess and some Winn Dixie lobster rolls; to Sally Wolfe and Carolyn O’Neal, I leave three years rent; to MBA, I leave an everlasting “Shalom.”

I, **Michael “Fuba” Fabian**, do hereby leave the following to my friends: to Robin Henderson, I leave the ability to go to Hilton Head with me and have fun but not get in trouble and my ability to pick up a story and carry it to its farthest extremes and also the now famous “Wrath of Fuba”; to Edward Caldwell, I leave my old job of organizing the events of everyone for every weekend, my unfortunate ability of getting grounded at least five times during every school year, and a \$45 check for that nice new shirt I ripped while I am still waiting for my new “Big Chill” Tape; to Robin and Edward, I leave many thanks for being my very close friends the past five years we’ve gone to MBA; to Harry Peffen, I leave the opportunity to be with Fran Johnson one more time; to Michael Pirrie, I leave some new and improved karate moves along with some swimming lessons and with my personal motto, “I do care”; to Jack Brown, I leave the book *How To Talk to Your Parents Without Drooling or Sllobbering on Them*; to Frank Wilk, I leave one of my favorite nicknames ever, Kelvin; to Hunt Warner, I leave the Kingdom of Squidness, some more funny lines, and some luck while playing poker this summer; to Tim Brothers, I leave my ability to go out finally with a girl more than once at the end of my senior year; to Dawson Thombs, I leave the ability to say you’re going to look at a college and somehow end up in Florida for the weekend; to Robert Black, I leave a room in Monteagle so we can watch the Texas-Auburn game again next year; to John Enkema, I leave French class; to Steve Mason I leave my ability to drive backwards at 40 mph and

somehow hit something; to Chip Fridrich, I leave my MBA coaching position and my now retired spot on the MBA basketball bench.

I, **Jeff Gau**, being of sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath the following: to Bill Cochran, a teddy bear to signify my personality; to Dave Malone or Takis Patikas, patience when no one blocks and you get killed on your blindside; to Jay Owen, all the food he wants and 100 bucks for the bike race; to Tommy Frist, I leave good taste in cars; to Mangler, Owen, and Bueno, continue in oof tradition; to Jeff Dale, I leave the bruises of many hits on the football field; to Dr. Fairbairn, I leave my genius and hard work in Computer; to Harry Peffen, I leave all the advice I’ve given him and the memory of play 68 in the Springfield game; to Robert Black, I leave him 30 pounds to put on his frame to enable him to lead the state in tackles; to Chris Smith, I leave the bull sessions we had between pitches; to Scott Thompson, I leave the responsibility of FCA leader and the hope that FCA will grow even more next year; to Coach Elliott, I leave a good friend and a new defensive backfield to work hard; to Coach Morel, I leave my coaching abilities in basketball and thanks for 3 good years of coaching in football; to Coach Bennett and Regen, I leave an awesome sophomore baseball class led by all-world prospect and good guy Rob McNair and pitching ace Chip Fridrich; to Coach Owen, thanks for everything I’ve learned about football in the four years; to Mr. Williams and Paul Clements, my history term paper (so much fun); and lastly, to Bill Cochran and Rob Bueno, I leave the sports of the newspaper with the hope that next year’s sports will be half as good as this year’s.

I, **Scott O’Neal**, being of sound mind and recovering body, do hereby leave the following: to Robin Henderson, my hat, size 97 (which was left to me by Jody Lentz) and my ability to strut to and from the huddle (although he’s almost mastered it) and Tommy Baige’s books, *How To Be Married and Still Have a Good Time*; to Steve Stroman, tact; to Mac Hardcastle, Franklin (mention my name!); to Harry Peffen, a vacant shower; to Rob Skaid, “Very Good!”; to Stuart Harmer, a copy of my book, *A Few Forced Squat Pops with 440 Pounds Never Hurt Anyone*; to Clay Lutz, I leave the magioncines; to Allen Lindsey, 8,000,000 feet of tape (that ought to make up for what you used on me); to Chris Sanders, I leave my other books, *Having a Good Time Is Not the Only Thing*; to Jay Stroman, I leave my “profound know-how”; to Tim Wallace, the entire freshman class of Harpeth Hall; to Mr. Tate, “The Week-end Planner of the Year” award ( . . . sorry you missed the senior breakfast); to Dr. John Brothers, many thanks for helping me to participate in one of life’s many pleasures—walking; to Cary Clark, as many visits as she likes and many very mellow songs; to the coaching staff, I leave many thanks for 4-well, uh-3 great seasons; to E.J. “Doc” Greer, many thanks for all of his help and support over the past 3½ years; and finally, to the MBA faculty and staff and Mom and Dad, I leave many thanks and much love for six fantastic years on “the Hill.”

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Future Success To  
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## Oh OK

By Chris E. Kelley

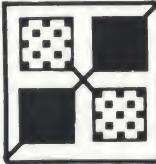
On May 19, Oh OK, one of the up and coming bands from Athens, GA, (Home of REM and B-52's) came to Nashville on the first stop in their tour of the U.S. Party Goblin opened the show, playing a rousing set with occasional help from Skot of Factual. Oh OK played an entertaining set of songs from their *Wow!* Mini E.P., including my favorite "Permanent" and from the new E.P. *Furthermore What*, which features the song "Such 'n Such," which is on the KDA play list and did a good version of the Talking Heads' "Psycho Killer". Oh OK has changed a lot from the last time they played Nashville, which was at the first Alternative Jam. They now have a new drummer and have added a guitar player to the group, thereby making their sound less minimalist and more pop. I was fortunate enough to video tape an interview with them and tape some of their live show for the TV show—look for it on the first show, sometime in mid-June on Viacom 26. It was really fun—don't miss the group the next time they play here.

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## Violent Femmes

By Chris E. Kelley

Violent Femmes hit Nashville May 18 to an extremely anxious audience—perhaps too anxious. After sitting through (stress sitting) a very boring synthpop band, the audience was treated to Guadalcanal Diary, who played a really powerful set, including songs from their EP *Watusi Rodeo*. But after these two bands finished, the audience was subjected to a long, very, very long wait for Violent Femmes. Boredom and anxiety set in as the minutes turned into (what seemed) hours. Therefore it is understandable that the audience was quite enthused when the Violent Femmes came marching through the crowd, complete with a horn section, playing some hip beat tune reminiscent of the nineteen twenties cool jazz. As soon as the Femmes played their first song, the crowd went crazy, slamming in a violent frenzy. The Femmes obviously had never experienced the gentle Southern Slam, because they overreacted to the audience's boisterous frolicking and threatened to close the show. Since nobody wanted to be deprived of the Femmes' incredible blend of guitar, acoustic-electric bass, and brush drums, the audience yielded. The Violent Femmes, despite their apprehension of the audience, put on a really good show, displaying their awesome talent.



## HIP FAVES



Crass Loman

### Crass' Tips For Tidy Teens

Hair should be kept so that it is not extreme (not too long or in extra short or "punk" styles). It should be clean and neat (not bushy).

## New T.V. Show

By Chris E. Kelley

Starting this summer, Viacom Channel 26 will broadcast the KDA sponsored (tentatively titled) *Subculture*, which will feature the KDA top 5 countdown, selected music videos not played on MTV, and a local/regional music scene report. The local/regional coverage will include live clips of out-of-town and local groups playing in Nashville, interviews with these groups, scene reports from Athens, Austin, Winston-Salem, and elsewhere, and coverage of local/regional art and cultural events.

Details on the show are sketchy at the moment, but information on the show will be posted at Cantrells and Cat's Records, West End. If anyone is interested in helping out with the show, contact Chris Kelley or Tommy Oiphant, who are producing the show along with KDA.

## The Mellow Side

Riding the crest of the newest British Invasion, a new type of New Wave has come to America. With subtle percussion, textured rhythm lines, and smooth synth waves, the "Mellow Music" invasion has brought several innovative bands to the forefront of the New Wave scene.

Spandau Ballet were a major force in England, but like many fine bands, were not even known of in this country. When their single "True," though, emerged as a popular tune on the adult contemporary market (Y-107, 106, 96), they finally got the American recognition they deserved. Don't be fooled by the single, though. Their music is a fine blend of a superbly mellow guitar and sure, smooth vocals.

Ultravox also has made inroads into the American market. Despite the lack of a single to garner any airplay, look for their album sales to rise, supported by their fine music and a forthcoming video. Their sound is characteristically British, with a subtle twist that leaves the listener captivated.

All those who are aficionados of this new trend, though, recognize one band at the forefront of the movement: Roxy Music. Their latest album, *Avalon*, has finally brought them acclaim despite earlier efforts of equal merit such as *Flesh & Blood*, *Siren*, and *Viva Roxy Music*. With a new greatest hits collection out with the cream of their music, *Atlantic Years*, their best material has become accessible for only \$7.98. The sound is superlative, with textured oboe and sax lines, the vocals of Bryan Ferry, and Andy Manzanera's excellent guitar. A concert video, taped on the *Avalon* tour, should help this veteran band to garner more acclaim stateside.

By Ben Vance

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Good Luck!

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## New Beats

**BRAND NEW AND CLASSIC**

*A Guide To  
The Latest  
Albums*

**Rush, Grace Under Pressure**—Newest adventures in progressive rock from Canada's biggest export. More synthesizers, less guitar. Not a great advance in their sound, it is reminiscent of *Signals*.

**Thomas Dolby, The Flat Earth**—Half-baked attempt to cash in on the success of *Blinded by Science*. A set of pretentious, boring, and weird songs with no real meaning whatsoever. A sad effort.

**The Cars, Heartbeat City**—Fresh, exciting music, geared to pop radio, but a refreshing new album from the American techno-pop masters. A good sequel to *Shake It Up*.

**Modern English, Ricochet Days**—Not as good as *After the Snow*, but a fine "New Wave" album that shows a lot of undeveloped potential. Several catchy songs.

**Psychadelic Furs, Mirror Moves**—Best album ever from these English new wavers. Excellent compendium of songs that exemplifies the band's unique style and develops and matures it as well. The best.

**Go-Go's, Talk Show**—California all-girl band progresses musically with this album. Belinda Carlisle's vocals are more mature, aided by a solid backbeat. This quasi-new wave group is definitely going places.

**The Alarm, Declaration**—Not a leap forward in the raw, guispy, acoustic-based sound of this band, but a combination of their lyrical themes of freedom and justice. "Sixty-Eight Guns" is an excellent son in the tradition of "The Stend."

**Dire Straits, Alchemy**—Highlights of the recent "Love Over Gold" tour on 2 discs. Healthy amount of earlier material plus songs from last studio album. Production is rather poor, and Knopfler's vocals weak at times, but a reasonably good collection for the dedicated fan.

**Talk Talk, It's My Life**—Bryan Ferry soundalike Mark Hollis's vocals grab your attention and lead the sound of this well-balanced English group. Best songs include "It's My Life," "The Last Time," and "Such a Shame." Addictive sound definitely worth buying.

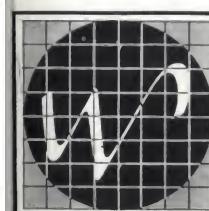
**R.E.M., Reckoning**—Another excellent album from this Athens, Ga. band. *Reckoning* has a rich, layered sound that is crisper and more comprehensible than *Murmur*, but it nonetheless retains the elements that make the R.E.M. sound so intriguing: guitarist Buck's fervent, inventive strumming; Mike Mills' skilled bass playing; and vocalist Stipe's haunting, instrument-like baritone voice. This album is further proof of the deep understanding and skill America's best new band shows for their art. *Reckoning*'s top tracks? Give "Rockville," "Harborcoat," "Pretty Persuasion," and "Second Guessing" a listen, to name a few.

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**Rush, Grace Under Pressure**—Newest adventures in progressive rock from Canada's biggest export. More synthesizers, less guitar. Not a great advance in their sound, it is reminiscent of *Signals*.

**Thomas Dolby, The Flat Earth**—Half-baked attempt to cash in on the success of *Blinded by Science*. A set of pretentious, boring, and weird songs with no real meaning whatsoever. A sad effort.

**The Cars, Heartbeat City**—Fresh, exciting music, geared to pop radio, but a refreshing new album from the American techno-pop masters. A good sequel to *Shake It Up*.

**Modern English, Ricochet Days**—Not as good as *After the Snow*, but a fine "New Wave" album that shows a lot of undeveloped potential. Several catchy songs.

**Psychadelic Furs, Mirror Moves**—Best album ever from these English new wavers. Excellent compendium of songs that exemplifies the band's unique style and develops and matures it as well. The best.

**Go-Go's, Talk Show**—California all-girl band progresses musically with this album. Belinda Carlisle's vocals are more mature, aided by a solid backbeat. This quasi-new wave group is definitely going places.

**The Alarm, Declaration**—Not a leap forward in the raw, gutsy, acoustic-based sound of this band, but a combination of their lyrical themes of freedom and justice. "Sixty-Eight Guns" is an excellent son in the tradition of "The Stend."

**Dire Straits, Alchemy**—Highlights of the recent "Love Over Gold" four on 2 discs. Healthy amount of earlier material plus songs from last studio album. Production is rather poor, and Knopfler's vocals weak at times, but a reasonably good collection for the dedicated fan.

**Talk Talk, It's My Life**—Bryan Ferry soundalike Mark Hollifield's vocals grab your attention and lead the sound of this well-balanced English group. Best songs include "It's My Life," "The Last Time," and "Such a Shame." Addictive sound definitely worth buying.

**R.E.M., Reckoning**—Another excellent album from this Athens, Ga. band. *Reckoning* has a rich, layered sound that is crisper and more comprehensible than *Murmur*, but it nonetheless retains the elements that make the R.E.M. sound so intriguing: guitarist Buck's fervent, inventive strumming; Mike Mills' skilled bass playing; and vocalist Stipe's haunting, instrument-like baritone voice. This album is further proof of the deep understanding and skill America's best new band shows for their art. *Reckoning's* top tracks? Give "Rockville," "Harborcoat," "Pretty Persuasion," and "Second Guessing" a listen, to name a few.

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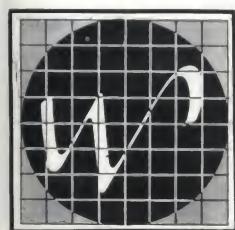
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## ...ABC's Of Negativism

(Continued from page 1)

Along with the desire for independence, there is a tendency toward day-to-day living. The average teenager lives "for the moment," not often looking at future consequences.

The students can, to a limited extent, be attributed to the learning experience that they go through. It is natural, even healthier, for someone, who is learning, to question his surroundings. When answers are not found or not apparent, the result is disillusionment, with which come negative attitudes, boredom, laziness, and lack of involvement, the very problems seen at MBA.

Students may also be individually at fault. Lack of personal commitment may simply be the result of students not putting forth a fully concerted effort to make the most of their educational experiences.

### The Role Of Teachers And Administrators

MBA has been criticized for putting too much pressure on the students academically. Although the high-paced curriculum encourages many to do well, others fall prey to the difficulty. The results can be a withdrawal from involvement and interest.

The school may also contribute to bad student attitudes through strict policies. Disciplinary procedures are very stringent, and there is little rule for exception. One example is the limited curriculum. Granted, the MBA course work prepares the students most adequately for college, but the student who leans towards interests not covered by the CORE curriculum has no way to express his specialty.

Another related aspect of MBA is the emphasis placed away from creative expression. Aside from voluntary art and literary magazine programs, MBA encourages very little creativity.

Many students deal effectively with such strictness, but others feel like they are being "pressed into a mold." Resistance is not used because of the very structures one might be trying to resist. Thus, given the choice between carrying on actively against one's will or leaving, the solution is to withdraw, to become apathetic and not involved.

### The Role Of The School And The Students Together

One problem perpetrated by both students and teachers is an over-emphasis on grades. Grades are the "be-all and end-all" of school. Learning as an end in itself is lost. Students contribute to this philosophy by being willing to do only the minimum work. Teachers also further the situation by "teaching to the test," or following a set of guidelines in many cases.

This analysis does not hold true for all students and certainly not for all teachers. The fact is however, that grades often seem to be the chief concern of many.

Another way students, teachers and administrators jointly contribute to the problem is by not

communicating with each other. Students have concerns; teachers have concerns; administrators have concerns. To fulfill their needs and opinions, teachers and administrators make rules. To fulfill theirs, students complain. Very little attempt is made for the groups to communicate and work out solutions that are beneficial to all.

This communication gap is most evident in the impotency of the Student Council. Proposals that originate in the Student Council very rarely become school policy.

The students themselves are in part responsible for a weak Student Council. Students are flippant about student government; they do not take it seriously.

Council members themselves often perpetuate their own inefficiency by not communicating with their constituents. General student opinion is rarely gauged for use in Council discussions.

Part of the responsibility, however, might lie also on the shoulders of the Administration. Many Student Council proposals have been turned down by the Administration this year.

*Many have pointed to these attitudes as the root of problems at MBA*

For example, the Council appealed to the school to allow students to study in empty classrooms during free periods. The Administration held that the potential of abuse in an unsupervised environment precluded the possibility of enacting such a privilege.

Another proposal the Student Council brought forth suggested the enactment of a sort of secondary "Privilege List," which would reward students with high averages and good behavior that were not quite up to the Privilege List standards. In the case, the Administration turned down the idea because it would apparently discourage students from obtaining Privilege List levels.

Rejections such as these, whether justified or not, result in the Student Council's being intimidated by the Administration. Many council members have expressed an unwillingness to approach the Administration because of past failures.

### SOLUTIONS

In examining the possible solutions to the problems that were mentioned, one can recognize that these solutions will not cause the problems to vanish completely, only that they will help remedy the problems. As for the student-related problems, several teachers expressed the importance of defining one's priorities in coming to MBA. One teacher stressed the importance of asking oneself, "Why am I here—to have fun or to get the best education possible?" Another teacher shed a different light on the subject of priorities, saying that many students forget that getting a "good grade isn't the be-all—end all of life; learning is." A third teacher said that the students should put a personal investment into learning—to realize the importance of what they could potentially learn. In all of these examples, the teacher stressed that the primary objective of the student should be to learn.

Patience was one quality that was mentioned by several teachers that is necessary to have at MBA. For example, one teacher believed that the MBA student must possess a certain degree of patience to withstand the general overview type of curriculum at MBA that is supposed to prepare the student for college, where education becomes more specific. Another teacher held that the student must have patience to put up with some of the more disagreeable parts of school. This teacher stated that such patience would require some maturity on the part of the student.

Most of the advice for solutions to teacher-related problems stressed the positive aspects of education, such as rewards for good students, more positive discipline system, and more positive attitudes within the faculty towards the students. One extremely constructive reward that was suggested for good students is the granting of student evaluations of teachers. These evaluations, possibly given as a Senior Privilege or as a Privilege List privilege, would provide very constructive criticism (if handled maturely) that would help teachers improve their craft and would give the faculty the chance to show the students that the faculty does respect their advice.

Much interest has been expressed in the discipline system, which has been called by some students as being "very negative." However, one teacher has mentioned that the current demerit system is the best way that he knows to solve discipline problems, as opposed to automatic suspension.

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## Student Art Show '84

### By Todd Bottorff

The final week in April was highlighted by the student art show in which the library was filled with the works of only students. The show had more works than ever before; but it is the quality, not the quantity, which is most impressive. The different types of art, varying from realism to abstraction, demonstrated the diversity of the

student body. Yet the show is merely a small display of the potential of the art program at MBA.

Overall, the talent expressed by fellow students is incredible, conveying Mr. Womack's great influence on the art department. Although more impressive than that of any previous year, the art show's success can still possibly be topped next year.

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## Reagan Deserves Re-Election

By Charlie Reason

President Reagan will be starting the campaign trail for re-election with great achievements. Although he inherited double-digit inflation, high interest rates, and an over-taxed middle class, he has reduced inflation to a low digit level, interest rates have halved, and he has reduced the tax burdens on the lower and middle classes.

Reagan's foreign policy early in his presidency had not been clearly defined. The problems stemmed from the question of director of foreign policy and chain of command. Now foreign policy has taken shape under the administration of George Schultz and Ronald Reagan. They have directed foreign policy with the purpose of eradicating communist spread in Central America and Soviet influence in the Middle East.

On the nuclear disarmament front, the Reagan Administration has proposed to the Soviet Union an equal and bilateral disarmament program which the Soviet Union rejected for the obvious reasons: A) their nuclear weapon superiority would be severely diluted; B) because of Reagan's anti-Communist spread/Soviet dependence by third world nations policies, the Soviet Union does not want Reagan re-elected and any positive negotiations at home would

portray him as successful in dealing with them which in turn provides him with more support for the election.

President Reagan's accomplishments have been headed by those in the economic realm. He has cut inflation from 12.6 per cent to 3.3 per cent, down 13.8 per cent since the fourth quarter of 1980. Total national output is up 6.3 per cent since he took office. There are more jobs from 99.5 million to 102.5 million, up 3 per cent. Housing construction is up 32.4 per cent having been sparked by the fall in the prime interest rates (21.5 per cent to 11 per cent).

Like low inflation, tax cuts benefit taxpayers in all tax brackets. Critics who state that the president "favors the rich" have avoided seeing the share of taxes paid for 1981-1982. Lower and middle income taxpayers are paying .6 per cent less and upper income taxpayers are paying .6 per cent more. All in all, the middle class has benefited more from Reaganomics than the lower class has which is what Ronald Reagan promised while running for office. Have the benefits of the middle class hurt his approval rating? Not at all. His approval rating is on the rise according to the latest Gallup Poll.

President Reagan's 1985 budget proposals are now available. He plans to spend \$15,500 on every family of four. Greater benefits will be going to people collecting Social Security, people on Medicare, school lunch programs, and Medicaid recipients. He also plans to propose tuition tax credits up to \$1,000 per year for families with children under 18 in private schools. Included also are requirements for welfare recipients to be actively seeking work while collecting. The defense budget would be raised once again under the 1985 Reagan Budget.

Reagan's record proves that he has concentrated on the domestic problems, unlike the statement made in the pro-Hart editorial (*The Bell Ringer*, May 2, 1984). The author carelessly stated, "[Ronald Reagan] would rather fight the Communist influence in the world instead of concentrating 'on America's problems first.' Isn't the spread of Communist influence one of America's problems, too?

The high approval rating and 25 per cent of the registered Democrats' admittance that if the election were held today they would vote for Reagan are clear evidence that Reagan's chances for re-election are great. The United States needs four more years of Ronald Reagan as president, and it is clear that a great many Americans agree.

## THE REAGAN PRESIDENCY

*A pro-con discussion of the State of the Union after three and one-half years of Ronald Reagan's term as president.*

### PRO & CON

## Actors, Presidents and the State of the Union

By Bryan Hassel

One of the most important qualities of an actor is the ability to convince the audience that one is not really playing a role at all. By the time the crowd gets into the play, they should feel like they are watching real-life events unfold before their eyes.

Thus, hypothetically, a man who has no scientific ability whatsoever, but who is a good actor, can play the perfect scientist. Hypothetically, a woman who has never had a drink in her life, but who is a good actress, can play the perfect alcoholic. And, hypothetically of course, a person who has very little sense of how to deal with national and international concerns, but who is a good actor, can be utterly convincing in a role as President.

In 1980, the curtain opened on what has become a long-running and very popular performance. The lead role is played by Ronald Reagan, and the American public is mesmerized by his heroic actions and dramatic, moving soliloquies. In every show, he plays upon our patriotism, our moral convictions, and yes, our pocketbooks.

But what is behind the scenes of the Ronald Reagan show? What is backstage at this extravaganza that has tap-danced its way into America's hearts? Perhaps a glance at a few lines from the script would be helpful:

"America is finally experiencing the economic prosperity again that once made this country great."

Ah yes! The recession is over. Inflation has virtually stopped! Businesses are back on their feet! Economic growth is up! The dollar is strong again! Hurrah!

But in the background looms a huge budget deficit. In his term, Reagan has added more to the deficit than all other past presidents

have accumulated combined. Even some of Reagan's once trusted economic advisors have pointed out that massive deficits could choke out any recovery that currently exists.

Deficits raise the interest rates—that's shifting to investments in the U.S. Higher prime rates also make it close to impossible for Third World nations to pay off their debts. Default could easily mean political unrest in those nations and economic crisis world-wide.

The deficit also leaves the U.S. in a quagmire of debt. This huge national problem will have to be reckoned with, if not by Reagan, then by generations to come.

The deficit is caused by extensive and wasteful defense expenditures. Thousands of dollars spent on costly research and ten-cent hardware have not made our army combat-ready. If a draft were held now, the army could not even equip its new drab.

Dollars to defense also means no dollars to the segments of the public which need it. Benefits to the underprivileged have been sliced to bare-bones levels. Aid to the poor unemployed, and disabled is being flushed down a bottomless military drain.

The *New York Times* reported in 1983 that every 12 seconds, the Government spends \$72,000 more on defense programs than Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, food stamps, the earned income tax credit, the work incentives program, and the Jobs Corps combined." (NYT, 10/26/83, pA27)

The result? Poverty for 34.4 million Americans. That's one out of seven U.S. citizens living at subsistence level or below. *NYT* noted that 120 more are added *each day*. What else? Unemployment for 8.8 million Americans. Another .6 who

work only part-time but count as fully-employed and 2.3 more who don't count because they are "out of the work force," or they are so discouraged that they have stopped looking for jobs. Reagan has claimed a drop in unemployment, but the figures are still *higher than when he took office*.

"Economic prosperity" thus depends on how you define it. Some are better off. Some are worse. Deficits threaten even those who are doing better now. But the Reagan play goes on, and the public applauds.

"Our new foreign policy has made the world a safer place to live."

We haven't given in to those Russians yet. They haven't gained an inch of territory since Ron took office. No sir. Not a square yard! "Oh beautiful for spacious skies . . ."

But are we closer to peace? With U.S. troops and personnel all over the world, and with Reagan's aggressive attitude towards unfriendly nations, it doesn't seem so.

Example #1: the fiasco in Lebanon. Forces were deployed as "peacekeepers" were fighting alongside the Lebanese forces being fired upon by hostile militiamen. Policy goals were unclear. High officials gave contradictory statements again and again.

Then over 250 Marines were killed, many more wounded. Do the families of these troops think the world is a safer place?

Example #2: the invasion of Grenada. A coup installed a government potentially hostile to the U.S. Without negotiation or dialogue of any sort, Reagan ordered a blitzkrieg of the tiny island. Reasons: fear of a second hostage crisis and fear of Soviet

control of the island.

But no indication was ever given that U.S. medical students were in danger. They had even been guaranteed free passage from the island. Hence, no hostages.

The main proof of Soviet expansion was the new airport, apparently being built with Soviet money. Actually, the runway was being constructed by companies from 16 different countries, including \$11 million from two U.S. firms. The old Grenada airport was unfit for tourist traffic, hence, a new one was needed.

Even if the Soviets were planning to use Grenada as a Caribbean stepping stone or "Cuba Part II," invasion was not the answer. A sane approach would have been a concerted effort at dialogue.

Example #3: Central America. Three problems here. One is Reagan's insistence on support of El Salvador despite death squad activities. Second is the "covert" support of *contras* in Nicaragua, a clear violation of international laws of sovereignty. Third is Reagan's overall military solution to problems. He neglects negotiations, neglects the opinions of neighboring countries, and neglects the source of problems in the area: poverty.

Final Example: Arms control, or lack thereof. "Relations with the Soviet Union have never been better, and that's why we are having no negotiations, we are at each other's throats in Central America, and the Soviets have walked out on the Olympics."

Reagan has made no real effort at arm's control. His theory is that we can only negotiate from "a position of strength," so he deploys Pershings and Cruise Missiles and the MX (which he affectionately and ironically calls "The Peacekeeper.") Despite a national

call for a freeze, Reagan has made no steps towards halting the arms race.

"This Administration is committed to returning old-fashioned values and morals to this nation."

Reagan has initiated a renewed push for anti-abortion legislation and prayer in schools. But as he nobly speaks about legislating morality in these ways, he is operating a government that has defied morality at every turn.

Over 30 million Americans are poverty stricken. Is that old-fashioned morality? Millions of dollars are being poured into weapons that can devastate whole cities. Is that old-fashioned morality? Our government is supporting a revolution against an established government. Is that old-fashioned morality?

In anti-abortion proclamations, Reagan asserts that human life is all important, that no matter how miserable a child's lifestyle will be, his life should be preserved. Loss of life is not justified for any reason.

And yet, 250 Marines died in Lebanon this year. Reagan was very regretful, but pointed out that some had to die for the cause of democracy. Their deaths were justified by foreign policy objectives.

Which is it? Is life absolute, or not? Is morality a convenient way to please the New Right, or is it really what Reagan has in mind?

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And so, the play goes on. Polls show that the American public loves the show. The true test will come at the curtain call on November 6. Will America vote for Reagan the actor, or against Reagan the President?

## V. Baseball Weathers Storm

By Bill Cochran  
and Jeff Gau

The varsity baseball team has just completed another successful season with a second place finish in the district and subsequent trip to the region tournament. The team won 13 out of its last 18 games.

The Big Red began the second half of the year against a strong Antioch team. Talbot Masten slammed a home run, but Antioch came out on top 9-3. Jeff Gau and Dave Malone each went 2 for 3. The team next proceeded to win four straight games. Glencliff succumbed 10-5 to MBA as Harry Peffen went 3 for 3. Rob McNair picked up his 3rd win in the last inning.

Next, MBA defeated Hillsboro

15-11 in a wild hitter's spree. MBA jumped to a 13-1 lead through the fifth. Hillsboro, however, exploded for 10 fifth inning runs. John Morrissey and Robert Black each scored runs to get a comfortable lead back and Rob McNair earned the save after replacing winning pitcher Chip Fridrich. Fridrich helped his cause with a grand-slam home run. Gau and McNair each had 3 hits while Alan Jackson, Talbot Masten, and Dave Malone contributed 2 hits apiece.

Hillwood ventured to MBA the next day. A seventh-inning hit by Rob McNair to score John Morrissey provided the winning run of the 8-7 game. Talbot Masten blasted his third home run of the year in victory.

Pearl-Cohn was the next victim, losing 10-4. Alan Jackson came alive with 3 hits as Fridrich picked up his fourth win. The winning streak ended against a juggernaut called McGavock. The 14-1 slashting put the team back on its feet.

Ryan came to MBA to end the regular season schedule. Ryan held a 4-2 advantage going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Jackson lead off the inning with a walk. Gau and Masten each collected hits to load the bases. Malone got a hit by a pitch to score Jackson while Robert Black walked to score Gau. With the score tied 4-4 and two outs, mighty Chris Smith stepped to the plate. After watching the first strike go by, Smith belted the next one into center to knock home the winning run. For the second year in a row, MBA defeated Father Ryan in the last inning.

This victory gave the Big Red momentum heading into the district tournament. Hillsboro was the first opponent. Rob McNair pitched a four-hitter to record his sixth victory and belted two home runs. John Morrissey also connected for a home run. Jackson and Gau further contributed to the hitting as Hillsboro fell 8-1.

MBA now travelled to Seven Oaks for the second round to face Glencliff. In a game reminiscent of the Ryan game, the Big Red rallied in the seventh to secure the win 4-2. With the score 2-1, Chris Smith led off the seventh with a single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. John Morrissey singled him in, and Alan Jackson's bunt was laid perfectly as he reached base safely. Jeff Gau came up and lined a shot over second to score both men. Chip Fridrich won his fifth game of the year.

Antioch was the next opponent in the double elimination tournament. MBA fell 13-7 to the lively Antioch bats. Rob McNair blasted his third home run, a grand slam, and Jeff Gau went 3 for 3 in the defeat. After five days of rain outs, MBA

faced Overton in the loser's bracket finals to see who would play McGavock in the region tournament. Chip Fridrich turned in six innings of shutout ball to record his sixth victory. McNair had 3 hits while Gau contributed a 2 for 3 night. The Cinderella hopes were dashed against McGavock 13-3.

This team can be remembered for its ability to overcome deficits. Coach Bennett stated, "This team had character." Coach Regen lauded the team's never give up attitude and the leadership that everyone, not just the three seniors, contributed throughout the year." Both coaches mentioned that the team was a close-knit unit. With six starters returning, the prospects are bright for the future of MBA baseball.



Steve Rollins barely clears the bar in a varsity track meet.

## Frosh Track Goes Undefeated

By Mike Wood

The freshman track team, guided by coach Bill Compton, has completed an excellent 1984 spring season by going undefeated in dual and triangular meets. The team defeated Hillwood, Ryan, and Franklin as well as tougher opponents Apollo, McCallie, and Overton. The victory over Overton marked only the second time that the Overton freshmen had lost a dual meet.

After an excellent regular season, the frosh finished a very strong second in both the Hendersonville Invitational and the Olympic Trophy Invitational, both of which drew the strongest teams in the city. MBA finished second to Overton in the

Hendersonville meet as many freshmen performed very well. Peter Paris won the high jump [6'1"] and placed in the hurdles. Trajan Carney placed first in the discus [14'1"].

Will Meyer won the pole vault [10'3"] and John Cole won the 1600 meter run.

The Olympic Trophy meet (considered to be the City Championships) was won by a strong Whites Creek team, with MBA finishing

second. Once again, Peter Paris and Will Meyer won the high jump [5'8"] and the pole vault [10'3"] respectively, and John Cole won the 1600 meter run.

The leading point-getters for the year were Johnny Thompson, Will Meyer, and Peter Paris. These men along with the rest of the freshman track team helped to make the 1984 freshman track season the best in years.

## Microbe Golf Shows Potential

By Rusty Hippe

The Microbe Golf team under the prudent supervision of Dr. Fairbairn claims the title of MBA's

### MBA Gym: Myth or Reality?

By Bill Cochran

MBA is fortunate to have such an excellent athletic facility as the new gym, addition, but with all good things, problems will inevitably arise. One problem, on which I am focusing, is the use of the new gym facilities and particularly the weight room. The gym (including the weight room) is often unopen for use 8th periods, Friday afternoons, and weekends because there is no teacher to watch over the students using the facilities. MBA has spent a great deal of money in constructing the new gym facilities, and the administration has a right to be apprehensive about letting the students use the facilities without a proctor, but considering the amount of money and effort put into building the gym, I think the

advantage of the facility is to enjoy it. Some may think that this free use of the gym may lead to the abuse of it, but concerning the weight room, I would point out that only the students who are serious about weight lifting would be dedicated enough to use the weight room 8th periods, Friday afternoons and weekends. Why should these students, who value the weight room, deface it? On the same line, the people most likely to abuse the weight room are those that do not appreciate the weights and are not dedicated enough to use the weights at the times when there is no proctor; thus, neither is there a need to have a proctor in the weight room, or to close the weight room at these times.

only undefeated athletic squad this spring. Their sole victory came against traditional rival Dickson County at Montgomery Bell State Park. Dickson County survived with a host of talented, but rather unrefined, corn-fed golfers, who proved to be competent adversaries for the smooth-stroking, Izod-clad momma's boys. After a rather grueling day of golfing, led by Rhodes Hall who shot the Little Red, had dealt Dickson County an 81, a proper thrashing. Others who played well on the day were Robbie Hilton, Steve Mathew, Bob Hanon, Tommy Caldwell, and Rick Barksdale. When questioned as to why these young men only participated in one match, Dr. Fairbairn replied, "There is simply no competition for us," implying that Dickson County was the only squad foolish enough to test the microbe's prowess. Dr. Fairbairn went on to say that the team was young and talented and that a few players showed potential for contributing to the varsity squad next year.

## Varsity Baseball Scoreboard

Compiled by Robby Bueno

### BASEBALL

District Record: 13-4  
Overall Record: 13-8

### GAME SCORES:

| MBA SCORE | OPPONENT          | OPP. SCORE |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| 0         | Antioch           | 14         |
| 3         | Brentwood Academy | 8          |
| 3         | Manchester        | 11         |
| 9         | Glencliff         | 0          |
| 8         | Overton           | 6          |
| 3         | Hillwood          | 1          |
| 11        | Pearl-Cohn        | 5          |
| 11        | Hillsboro         | 4          |
| 3         | Antioch           | 9          |
| 1         | Ryan              | 3          |
| 10        | Glencliff         | 5          |
| 8         | Hillwood          | 7          |
| 10        | Pearl-Cohn        | 4          |
| 1         | McGavock          | 13         |
| 16        | Hillsboro         | 11         |
| 5         | Ryan              | 4          |
| 8         | Hillsboro         | 1          |
| 4         | Glencliff         | 2          |
| 7         | Antioch           | 13         |
| 11        | Overton           | 4          |
| 3         | McGavock          | 13         |

Team Batting Avg: .301

Individual Leaders:

Pitching Records: McNair 6-3 (3 saves)

Fridrich 3-1

ERA: McNair 3.62

Fridrich 4.31

Strikeouts: McNair 41

Fridrich 30

Best Batting Avg: Gau .394

Most Hits: Gau 28

Most RBIs: McNair 23

Most Runs: Morrissey: 20

Most Home Runs: McNair 3

Masten 3

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You Made It!

Congratulations To  
Mark Finks  
For A Great Year

Congratulations To  
Davidson, Class of '84  
Good Luck!

Congratulations To  
John and '84 Seniors  
Dr. & Mrs. Gallimore

Congratulations To  
Tim, Class of '84  
You Made It

## Weights and Agilities

By Bill Cochran

Whoever thought somebody would write an article about weights and agilities. With all the sports media focusing on Big Red soccer, baseball, and track, a group of earnest working young men has been overlooked. This group, about whom I write, has devoted much time and effort to the improvement of their strength and endurance in preparation for next football season. Under Drill Instructor Morel, the group has come together to form a unified team. During the first half of weights and agilities, the men focused more on endurance and agility than on strength. (This seems logical, for the weight room was unopen for use). The second half was then devoted to what all had anticipated, lifting weights. One may wander in the new weight facility after school and see Rob Harwell squatting, Lee Vaughn curling, or Hudson Walker bench pressing, all of whom by strengthening their bodies, hope to play a vital role in next year's football season, for that is what lifting weights is all about, building your strength and your confidence for another athletic season whether it be football, wrestling, or any other sport. "If you want to be good you got to pay the price, by working hard ahead of time," says Takis Patikas.



Tim Don, all-state soccer player, steals the ball from a McCallie opponent.

## Microbe Tennis Successful

By Mike Wood

With only one match to play, the microbe tennis team remains undefeated in match play and has high hopes of winning the HVAC tournament occurring May 17 and 18. The microbes have enjoyed wins over BGA, Harding Academy, a strong Ensworth team, and have twice defeated Brentwood Academy. The victory over Ensworth came as a pleasant surprise to Coach Rick Carter, for it is the first time that the microbe team has beaten Ensworth in several years.

The microbes have been led by the consistent play of Jody Roberts, John Smithwick and Chris Baird performed well at No. 2 and No. 3 singles respectively. The top three were backed by the fine doubles play of Jay Riven, Mason Houghland, Charles Treadaway, and Ken Johnson, as well as the rest of the squad.

The microbes will face tough competition from both Ensworth and Franklin Road in the HVAC tournament; however, according to Coach Carter, the team is confident and has an excellent chance of winning the HVAC title.

## Varsity Soccer Scoreboard

| MBA SCORE               | OPPONENT       | OPP. SCORE |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 7                       | FRA            | 0          |
| 7                       | Clarksville    | 0          |
| 2                       | Hendersonville | 3          |
| 1                       | Ryan           | 1          |
| 2                       | BGA            | 1          |
| 0                       | Overton        | 0          |
| 1                       | Hillwood       | 1          |
| 4                       | Brentwood      | 0          |
| 7                       | USN            | 0          |
| 9                       | Hillsboro      | 1          |
| <b>STATE TOURNAMENT</b> |                |            |
| 1                       | McCallie       | 0          |
| 2                       | Ryan           | 1          |
| 0                       | Dobyns-Bennett | 2          |
| 2                       | Brentwood      | 0          |



Steve Gilleland sprints down the straightaway in the 4 x 800 relay.

## Varsity Soccer

By John Lindell Pfeffer

The soccer team had a good season this year, considering the many injuries. It appeared that the team was losing players everyday. Probably the worst incident to befall the soccer team and the intersection of Woodmont and Estes occurred just at the beginning of Spring Break when Elliot Sloan's Suburban collided with a dump truck, injuring several players, and most importantly putting Mark Pollack, manager, out of commission for the rest of the season. The team was fortunate enough to obtain another manager, Bill Duncan, to fill the vacancy left by Mark.

The team acquired a record of 6 wins, 1 loss, and 3 ties, and man-

aged to break into the state tournament. In the state tournament the team defeated Ryan 2-1 to advance to the semifinals where they faced #1 seed Dobyns-Bennet. The team lost 2-0 but defeated Franklin in the consolation finals to take 3rd place in the state.

The team did extremely well this year losing only one match by the score of 3-2 and winning four games by 7 or more points. The team finished with a spectacular total of 38 points, scored on opponents as opposed to only seven scored on us. The team's success is the result of the team's effort to minimize the losses from the injured players.

## JV Baseball Team Started

By Scott Garfinkel and John Robbins

For the first time, MBA fielded a junior varsity baseball team. The JV baseball team will help keep future varsity prospects interested in baseball. The season got off to a slow start. In a double header against Father Ryan, the Big Red lost both games. The Big Red were lead in hitting by freshman Bobby Whitson and Takis Patikas. In the third game of the season, MBA pounded Brentwood Academy 10-2. The effort was aided by

Patikas's fine pitching performance and a well rounded hitting attack. Then, the J.V. again faced a tough Ryan team and suffered their third loss. The J.V. was led by Coach Regen. The J.V. provided an excellent opportunity for young players to gain much needed experience. Other members on the team included Jay Owen, Jim Hunt, John Griffith, John Robbins, Jay Stromer, Trey Kelley, Bobby Whitson, Frank Downey, Skip Burke, Steven Hooper, Brennan Martin, and Takis Patikas.

## Seniors Move To College Sports

By Jeff Gaw

In the tradition of Tom Moore and Ricky Bowers, several members of this senior class will be competing in the rigors of college athletics next year. In the harsh world of college football, several MBA alumni will participate. John Moore is planning on playing defensive line for Central College. John won the "Scrounger" Award the last two years and received the most valuable defensive player award in the Butterbowl. Jimmy Moore is hoping to crack into Sewanee's starting offensive line. Coach Owen said of Jimmy, "He was one of our most consistent blockers this year." Jimmy also saw action at tackle this year. Lastly, two-way starter Parish Lentz is playing for Kenyon College. Parish was team captain this year and one of the best centers in Nashville.

Matt Drury will be going to Dartmouth to play basketball. Matt, an all-city selection, led the team to the region with a 14 point per game average and a free throw percentage of 71 percent.

There are three seniors planning on playing college baseball. Will Nowell, an all-city selection as a junior, will go to Memphis State next year. As a junior, he batted .542 and owned an 8-2 pitching record. Jeff Gaw, a recent all-city selection also, is planning on playing baseball at Harding University. Jeff hit .400 his junior year and batted .394 his senior year. John Morrissey will be attending Sewanee next year and plans to play baseball and possibly basketball. He batted .358 this year.

All-state soccer players Tim Don and Kevin Wolfe plan on playing at Georgetown and Connecticut, respectively. Tim is one of the best all-around soccer players MBA has seen, and Kevin is one of the top-

rated goalies in the state. John Gallaher is receiving a tennis scholarship from Memphis State. He was 34-12 this year as well as region champ.

Lastly, Marvin Morris hopes to play golf at Virginia. Marvin won the district as a junior and came in

fourth in the state.

There may be other people who will go out for college sports, but the ones in this article are the ones known at the time of this writing. It looks like the MBA athletic tradition will carry on to the college level.

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In a victorious match against Hillwood, Vivek Sahota smashes the ball down the line.

## Tennis Is Tops In Tournaments

By John Gallaher, Chip Blaufuss, and Sandy McLeod

This year's varsity tennis team had had its usual successful season by finishing with 9 wins and 4 losses. The team was led by seniors John Gallaher, Fletcher Lance, Garth Fails, and Kip Smith. Also playing for the Big Red were Vivek Sahota, Hunt Warner, Tommy Frist, Mike Wood, Beau Wilson, Sandy McLeod, Jody Davis, Chip Blaufuss, Paul Lenz, and Bud Henderson. Victories were recorded against Murfreesboro-Riverdale, Dickson County, Pearl-Cohn, Hillwood, Brentwood High, Chattanooga McCallie, University School of Nashville, Overton and Brentwood Academy; while losses were against Germantown, Memphis University School, twice, and Knoxville Webb.

The MBA tennis team enjoyed unusual success in tournament action this year finishing second in the

two major tournaments in which the team participated. The team often goes into tournament action with high expectations, only to finish in the middle of the pack. This year, however, the team rose to the occasion in the Francis E. Carter Memorial Tournament. The team played well, with everyone reaching the finals except John Gallaher at number one singles and Garth "Slick" Fails and Kip "Head" Smith at number two doubles. The finals proved to be tougher competition as MBA faced Baylor for the title. Fletcher Lance saved two match points and rallied to defeat Bruce Goldstein of Baylor 2-6, 7-6, 6-0. Hunt Warner refused to be outdone by calmly saving five match points to defeat Troy McAmish of Baylor 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. The only other victory, however, was at number three doubles as Vivek Sahota and Tommy Frist fought for an ease 6-2, 6-3 win in the finals.

## Microbe Baseball Frustrating

By Brennan Martin

"It has been the most frustrating season in my years as microbe baseball coach," says Coach Caldwell about the 1984 microbe baseball season. "The weather has been the dominant factor," says Coach Caldwell. "The rain has disrupted our season this year more than ever before." The Little Red has composed, thus far, a rather disappointing record of 2-4.

"We've been hurting ourselves," says David Spickard. Kelsy Fitzpatrick and Forrest Connor agree that "We should have won more games." So why aren't the microbes winning those games? Well, Coach Caldwell commented that the microbes "are one REALLY good pitcher away from being a top notch ball club. We just need more depth." Avid microbe supporter and junior school

secretary, Mrs. Morrissey says that they need someone who can really "THROW IT OVER!!!"

The Little Red opened their season at MBA by annihilating Harding Academy 27-4 in 3 1/2 innings. The team then fell victim to perennial power Northside 15-3 at MBA. The microbes again came out on the short end of a close 9-7 battle at BGA. Releasing their frustrations on the Ensworth Tigers, MBA won 17-5 at MBA. They travelled to Franklin for the next two games. At Franklin Jr. High, the Little Red lost yet another close game, 7-5. Once more the team fell victim to the Northside machine by a score of 15-5.

Rumor has it that David Hobbs is teaching batting technique to varsity baseball members as he posts a .692 batting average and an on base percentage of .750. "We've been very aggressive at the plate," says big man Bill Hitt. That is the understatement of the year. Behind Hobbs, the top 5 batters: Demetri Patikas, .556; David Spickard, .550; Marc Smith, .444 and 4 HR's; Jim Norris, .429; and Bill Hitt, .333. The combined average of the Little Red this year is .376—*incredible*. Yet despite this evidence and his own batting average, Jim Norris insists that "Our fielding is our strongest area"—to each his own. Alex Rice says it all in respect to the microbe baseball season: "It's been real, and it's been fun."



Mike Morrissey fields the ball in microbe game.

## State Track Meet Eludes Varsity Track Team

By Scott O'Neal and David Wood

During the latter part of the season, the varsity track team has done very well in the large meets. The team has shown much improvement and great performances in the Clarksville Rotary Relays, the Optimist, the Banner, and the Region.

Taking only a skeleton squad and going with Coach Pruitt's only intention being "to get a few t-shirts," the Big Red finished a surprising first out of a field of 20 teams, over such perennial powers as White's Creek, McGavock, Ft. Campbell, and Hillsboro.

All of the events being relays, the

Big Red showed very fine teamwork in this victory. The 4-mile relay team of David Wood, Rob Alley, Walter Smithwick, and Ran Van Riper finished second with a new school record, 19:31.1. The high-jump relay of McConnell, Rollins, and Edwards finished second. The shot-put relay of O'Neal, Mangrum, and Saperstein also finished second. The pole vaulters, Soper, K. Knight, and Adams, took first place, as did the distance medley of Edwards, Chickie, Alley, and Wood. The hurdle shuttle team, composed of a crippler and two pole-vaulters, (Rollins, K. Knight, and H. Adams) took an impressive fourth.

The climax of the meet, however, came in the final event; the mile relay. Entering the event in a tie with Ft. Campbell, the Big Red had to beat the Kentucky squad to bring home the gold. Tied going into the last leg, David "I think I can" Chickie ripped Ft. Campbell at the wire and was immediately fleshed by the entire team (except for Mr. Drake who had a sore hiney from riding the stadium steps).

After placing second in a triangular meet with McCallie and Glencoe, in which two records were set (McConnell's 6'6 1/4" effort in the "sky jump" and David "Meesta" Wood's 9:53.6 effort in the two-mile), the Big Red competed in the Optimist Relays at Overton.

Under typhoon conditions, the team placed a dismal sixth out of 24. Placing for the Red were the two-mile relay team, Wood, Tirrell, Edwards, and Alley, third; Buddy Knight third in the pole-vault, David Wood second in the two-mile, breaking his own school record at 9:50.1, and the mile relay team Muddiman, Edwards, Alley, and Chickie, placing third. It was a long meet.

The Big Red, hoping for good weather and better performances, went on to the McGavock horse-trail/track for the Banner relays. The team finished in a tie for fifth out of 27. Pacing the Red tracksters were B. Knight in the pole-vault, freshman Peter Paris in the high-jump, the mile relay team, Rollins in the 300 hurdles. Second place finishes were turned in by the two-mile relay team of Alley, Tirrell, Chickie, and Wood (8:10.9) and David Wood in the two-mile run (9:52.2). Super Soph Paul Soper took an unprecedented first in the pole-vault (12'). The tracksters then went home to rest for the even more exhausting event the next night-prom.

The state track meet hopes rested firmly in the grasp of the next week's meet—the grim reaper—the Region III AAA meet. Although no one qualified for the state meet, many good performances were posted. Placing for the Big Red were Rollins at fourth in the 300 intermediate hurdles, the two mile relay team (Tirrell, Edwards, Alley, and Chickie) at third; Buddy Knight at fourth in the pole vault, and the mile relay (Rollins, Edwards, Chickie, Alley) at sixth, so much for state.

The overall performance of the '84 track team was very impressive. The team managed to set four school records and consistently placed in the top five spots in the large meets (winning one). The outlook for next year's squad looks promising. With such members as Rob Alley, David Chickie, Eric McConnell, and Steve Rollins returning next year, the team should continue to improve. However the team loses such three-year lettermen as Bill Trevor, Russell Coleman, Parish Lentz, Bryan Hassell, and your illustrious authors Scott O'Neal and Dave Wood. Best of luck guys.

### Varsity Track Scoreboard

#### BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

|   |
|---|
| High Jump: McConnell 6'6 1/4"                         |
| Long Jump: Moon 20'3"                                 |
| Shot Put: Mangrum 40'4"                               |
| Discus: Jenkins 118'10"                               |
| Pole Vault: Soper 12'6"                               |
| 110 High Hurdles: Rollins 15.8                        |
| 100: Chickie 11.4"                                    |
| 1600: Wood 4:37.4                                     |
| 400: Chickie 50.6                                     |
| 300 Inter. Hurdles: Rollins 40.8                      |
| 800: Tirrell 2:06.0                                   |
| 200: Chickie 23.1                                     |
| 3200: Wood 9:50.1"                                    |
| 400 Relay: (Bond, Moon, Wilk, Muddiman) 45.2          |
| 800 Relay: (Bond, Crants, B. Knight, Muddiman) 1:35.7 |
| 1600 Relay: (Edwards, Rollins, Alley, Chickie) 3:29.2 |
| 3200: (Alley, Tirrell, Chickie, Wood) 8:10.9          |

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